

No. 13 - House & Senate Chamber Update

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MEMBERS

MARK STILES

-courtesy of Gib Lewis and Allen Ross Hightower

Mark slipped and fell and suffered a concussion. He was hospitalized but is expected to be released today. Mark, you have had a rough time. Sorry about what you've had to deal with but we're thinkin' about you!

BARRY TELFORD

-courtesy of Stan Schleuter

Sorry just now responding. Wanted to talk to Marsha first. Barry still in Cornerstone in Texarkana. Rehab very slow. Is beginning to build muscle back in legs. Can't stand or walk alone. Mind very good except some short term...but join the club on that one! Hope you all are having a Happy Easter. Love you all. This is from Telford's cousin.....

HONORABLE

Many, many years ago I received a fundraising letter from Gov. Richards addressed to The Hon. MM. Upon opening the envelope the letter stated "Dear Hon." The metrics were clearly designed to pick up the first name. Oops, as Rick Perry once said. I teased Ann about this but she didn't think it was funny. I tried to make it clear that it didn't bother me at all for the Governor of the State of Texas to call me Hon.

Several of you have mentioned to me that you are the only one on the list that is not Hon. I have looked into this several times and here is what I think. No. 1 - you are Honorable. No. 2 -when the message goes out each one of you has Hon. before your name. I have checked on this numerous times and the only way it seems to work is to place Hon. in the space before your first name in contacts. When the message goes out, however, and you receive it, the Hon. may not appear because your name is not shown that way in your contacts. I've looked at "Labels" and "Titles" but none of these seem to work properly. If anyone has any thoughts on this I would like to hear it.

WOMEN

Ellen Clarke Temple, wife of our departed and respected colleague Buddy Temple, is the producer of "Citizens At Last: Texas Women Fight For The Vote. As many of you did, I served with Buddy but I also worked with Ellen when she was on the UT System Board of Regents. An outstanding person.

It's interesting to note that Texas ratified the 19th Amendment, which gave women the right to vote in June of 1919. We were the first southern state to do so. As a result the

first woman, Edith Wilmans of Dallas, was elected to the House in the 38th Session, 1923, and the first woman elected to the Senate, Margie Neal of Carthage, in 1927. Today, in the 897th Legislature, 98 years later, we have thirty eight female members of the House and ten female members of the Senate.

<https://www.texasstandard.org/stories/how-texas-women-used-the-railroad-bad-milk-and-hard-work-to-win-the-right-to-vote/>



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JOHN SHARP



Today, Charlotte Sharp is doing backflips in heaven.

It was my honor and privilege to be part of a naming ceremony of the "Charlotte Sharp Children's Center" near the campus of Texas A&M in honor of my wife. Charlotte loved children more than anyone I have ever met, and she was dedicated to early learning. That is why naming this new facility for her means so much to me and my family.

Thank you to the Board of Regents, Don Mauro, Vicki Gibson, Andy Schatte and everyone else who came out today to honor an extraordinary woman.

Thanks, as always, for your ongoing support,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Sharp". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.